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TITLE 808 STATE BOXING COMMISSION

Proposed Rule

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DIGEST

Amends 808 IAC 1-3-6 to establish a time for the promoter to provide the commission an acceptable form of security for a match or exhibition. Amends 808 IAC 1-5-1 to address the seats provided by the promoter for the commission and for the judges. Amends 808 IAC 1-5-2 to require an applicant for a promoter's license to execute and file with the commission a bond. Amends 808 IAC 2-1-5 concerning athletic costumes and protective equipment. Amends 808 IAC 2-1-12 to establish the general requirements for female boxers. Amends 808 IAC 2-7-14 to revise the requirements for the discontinuation of a fight following an accidental butt. Amends 808 IAC 2-9-5 to change no decision matches to exhibitions. Amends 808 IAC 2-18-1 to allow the commission to determine the weigh-in time for contestants in main events and exhibitions. Amends 808 IAC 2-22-1 to revise the weight of gloves worn by each contestant for match or exhibition. Repeals 808 IAC 2-8-7. Effective 30 days after filing with the secretary of state.

808 IAC 1-3-6	808 IAC 2-7-14
808 IAC 1-5-1	808 IAC 2-8-7
808 IAC 1-5-2	808 IAC 2-9-5
808 IAC 2-1-5	808 IAC 2-18-1
808 IAC 2-1-12	808 IAC 2-22-1

SECTION 1. 808 IAC 1-3-6 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 1-3-6 Security for the purse; forms

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1

Sec. 6. (a) It shall be a condition of any permit issued to a licensed promoter to conduct a match or exhibition that the promoter must, prior to the beginning of the match or exhibition, provide to the **state boxing** commission or its representative an acceptable form of security in an amount not less than the total purse to be paid to each contestant by the terms of the promoter's contract. This may take the form of a certified cashier's check or money order, payable jointly to the **state boxing** commission and to the contestant, or cash. **All methods of payment must be submitted to the state boxing commission not later than two (2) hours before the match or exhibition unless other arrangements have been made and approved by the state boxing commission or its representative.**

(b) There shall be an acceptable form of security for each contestant in a match or exhibition, and no permit to conduct the match shall be valid in the absence of a promoter providing an acceptable form of security meeting the requirements of this rule. The receipt of such security shall be noted on the permit document by the **state boxing** commission or its representative. (*State Boxing Commission; 808 IAC 1-3-6; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1160; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236*)

SECTION 2. 808 IAC 1-5-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 1-5-1 Seats for state boxing commission, judges, timekeepers, and other officials

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1

Sec. 1. **Seating in the area next to the ring apron on all four (4) sides of the ring is under the state boxing commission's jurisdiction. The state boxing commission may request a diagram or plan showing the seating arrangement prior to the contest or exhibition.** At each contest or exhibition, the promoter shall provide ~~near the ring, six (6) seats, each marked "Commission";~~ the following: ~~shall also be provided:~~

(1) Six (6) seats marked "Commission".

~~(1)~~ **(2) Three (3) seats for the judges, who shall be stationed on three (3) sides of the ring, adjacent thereto.**

~~(2)~~ **(3) Two (2) seats for the official timekeepers near the gong.**

~~(3)~~ **(4) Two (2) seats for physicians, which allow for an unobstructed view of the ring at all times.**

~~(4)~~ **(5) One (1) seat for an announcer.**

~~(5)~~ **(6) One (1) seat for each alternate referee.**

(State Boxing Commission; PT I, Sec 19; filed Aug 8, 1955, 1:00 p.m.: Rules and Regs. 1956, p. 61; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1161; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236)

SECTION 3. 808 IAC 1-5-2 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 1-5-2 Bond of promoter license applicant

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1-22

Sec. 2. Before any license shall be granted to any person or corporation to conduct, hold, or give any boxing or sparring match or exhibition, such applicant therefor shall execute and file with the state ~~treasurer boxing~~ **commission a bond or other instrument** as provided by law. *(State Boxing Commission; PT I, Sec 20; filed Aug 8, 1955, 1:00 p.m.: Rules and Regs. 1956, p. 61; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1161; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236)*

SECTION 4. 808 IAC 2-1-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 2-1-5 Athletic costumes and protective equipment

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1-16; IC 25-9-1-17

Sec. 5. Contestants must wear proper athletic costumes approved by the **state boxing** commission, including the following:

(1) Boxing trunks of contrasting color.

(2) **Groin** protection. ~~cups.~~

(3) Shoes of soft material and shall not be fitted with spikes, cleats, hard soles, or hard heels.

(4) Bandages and taping, as required in 808 IAC 2-26-1.

(5) Gloves, as required in 808 IAC 2-22-1.

(6) A properly fitted mouthpiece.

(7) A minimum use of cosmetics.

(8) Female contestants must wear a breast protector.

(9) Hair, including facial hair, must be trimmed or secured in a manner so as not to interfere with the vision or safety of the contestants.

(10) No jewelry may be worn by the contestants.

(State Boxing Commission; PT II, Sec 44; filed Aug 8, 1955, 1:00 p.m.: Rules and Regs. 1956, p. 65; filed Dec 28, 1979, 10:40 a.m.: 3 IR 206; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1163; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236)

SECTION 5. 808 IAC 2-1-12 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 2-1-12 Female boxers

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1

Sec. 12. (a) A negative pregnancy test must be obtained the day prior to or the day of the fight. Results shall be submitted to the state boxing commission prior to the weigh-in. **The state boxing commission will not permit a female contestant to compete if she:**

- (1) is determined to be pregnant; or**
- (2) fails to submit pregnancy test results.**

(b) A prefight examination of a female contestant should include abdominal, breast, and pelvic examinations.

~~(b)~~ (c) Mammography may be requested by the examining physician.

~~(c)~~ (d) The examining physician may request a buccal smear after the physical examination if there is any doubt regarding the contestant's sex.

(d) A pelvic exam will be required.

~~(e) Contestants must wear adequate breast protection: (State Boxing Commission; 808 IAC 2-1-12; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1164; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236)~~

SECTION 6. 808 IAC 2-7-14 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 2-7-14 Discontinuation of fight; declaration of winner

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1-8

Sec. 14. If the referee sees or, if after consultation with the judges, determines that a boxer is accidentally butted in a match so that the boxer cannot continue, the referee shall immediately, following the accidental butt, do the following:

~~(1) Call the match a technical draw if the injured boxer is behind on points.~~

~~(2) Declare the injured boxer the winner on a technical decision if the boxer has a lead in points.~~

(1) A majority vote as disclosed by the scorecards shall prevail in determining the decision if all three ~~(3)~~ scorecards differ; the contest **accidental butt occurs after the completion of four (4) rounds. Partial rounds shall be declared a technical draw: scored by the judges.**

~~(3) Call~~ **(2) The match shall be declared a technical draw no decision** if an accidental butt occurs during the first four (4) rounds of any contest.

~~(4) If both boxers are injured as a result of an accidental butt so that neither is able to continue, then a winner will be declared on the basis of the majority vote as disclosed by the judges' scorecards.~~

(State Boxing Commission; 808 IAC 2-7-14; filed May 24, 1982, 10:25 a.m.: 5 IR 1406; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1167; filed Feb 1, 1999, 10:49 a.m.: 22 IR 2003; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236)

SECTION 7. 808 IAC 2-9-5 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 2-9-5 Exhibitions

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1

Sec. 5. (a) **In exhibition matches, each participant must wear gloves at least sixteen (16) ounces in weight and head gear approved by the state boxing commission.**

~~(a)~~ (b) Both participants must sign contracts stipulating that the match will be **an exhibition, and** a no decision match: **shall be rendered.**

~~(b)~~ (c) In the event of a knockout, the announcer will present the results, and the fight will be listed in the record as **a no decision an exhibition** match ending in the round that the match was terminated. Medical suspension for the

boxer suffering the knockout will be levied by the **state boxing** commission just as a regular match. (*State Boxing Commission; 808 IAC 2-9-5; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1169; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236*)

SECTION 8. 808 IAC 2-18-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 2-18-1 Weighing-in; attendance

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1

Sec. 1. The contestants in main events and exhibitions shall weigh-in stripped prior to the match in the presence of a representative of the **state boxing** commission **at a time designated by the state boxing commission**. (*State Boxing Commission; PT II, Sec 99; filed Aug 8, 1955, 1:00 p.m.: Rules and Regs. 1956, p. 76; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1173; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236*)

SECTION 9. 808 IAC 2-22-1 IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS:

808 IAC 2-22-1 Gloves; mouthpiece; inspection; specifications

Authority: IC 25-9-1-2

Affected: IC 25-9-1-5; IC 25-9-1-18

Sec. 1. (a) Gloves shall be examined by the inspector or deputy commissioner before each contest. If padding is found to be misplaced, lumpy, or imperfect, new gloves shall be provided before the contest starts. No breaking, roughing, or twisting of gloves shall be permitted. Gloves for all events shall be furnished by the promoter. All contestants shall wear gloves of standard make weighing not less than eight (8) ounces **for those contestants that weigh one hundred forty-seven (147) pounds or less and at least ten (10) ounces for those contestants that weigh over one hundred forty-seven (147) pounds, unless approved by the state boxing commission**, and the gloves worn by each of the contestants shall be equal in weight.

(b) Each participant shall wear an individually fitted mouthpiece. The mouthpiece shall be in the participant's mouth at all times during the fight period of each round as provided in this section. The referee shall handle the ejection of the mouthpiece from the participant's mouth in the following manner:

(1) If the referee believes that the mouthpiece was ejected from the participant's mouth as a result of a natural fight action, the referee shall not charge the participant with the loss of a point. The referee shall wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. The referee shall then **do the following**:

(A) Take time out.

(B) Direct the participant whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to a neutral corner. ~~and~~

(C) Take the other participant to the participant's corner. ~~The referee shall~~

(D) Direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the participant's mouth. ~~The referee shall~~

(E) Direct that the fight period immediately continue.

(2) If the referee believes that the participant spit out or allowed the mouthpiece to fall out of the participant's mouth, the referee shall do the following:

(A) Upon the first occurrence, wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. The referee shall then **do the following**:

(i) Take time out.

(ii) Direct the participant whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to a neutral corner. ~~and~~

(iii) Take the other participant to the participant's corner. ~~The referee shall~~

(iv) Direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the participant's mouth. ~~and~~

(v) Warn the participant that a point will be deducted if the participant subsequently spits out or allows the mouthpiece to fall out of the participant's mouth. ~~The referee shall~~

(vi) Direct that the fight period immediately continue.

(B) Upon the second occurrence, wait until the flurry during which the mouthpiece was ejected has subsided. The referee shall then **do the following**:

(i) Take time out.

- (ii) Direct the participant whose mouthpiece remains in place to retire to a neutral corner. ~~and~~
- (iii) Take the other participant to the participant's corner. ~~The referee shall~~
- (iv) Direct that the mouthpiece be rinsed and replaced in the participant's mouth. ~~and~~
- (v) Warn the participant that the participant will be disqualified if the participant subsequently spits out or allows the mouthpiece to fall out of the participant's mouth. ~~The referee shall~~
- (vi) Direct each judge to deduct a point from the participant's score. ~~The referee shall~~
- (vii) Direct that the fight period immediately continue.

(C) Upon the third occurrence, disqualify the participant who spit out or allowed the mouthpiece to fall out of the participant's mouth. The opponent of such participant shall be declared the winner due to disqualification. The **state boxing** commission representative shall immediately advise the promoter that the purse of such participant shall be forfeited and paid over to the **state boxing** commission.

(State Boxing Commission; PT II, Sec 103; filed Aug 8, 1955, 1:00 p.m.: Rules and Regs. 1956, p. 76; filed Dec 1, 1992, 5:00 p.m.: 16 IR 1174; readopted filed Jun 8, 2001, 2:38 p.m.: 24 IR 3236)

SECTION 10. 808 IAC 2-8-7 IS REPEALED.

Notice of Public Hearing

Under IC 4-22-2-24, notice is hereby given that on May 28, 2004 at 9:20 a.m., at the Indiana Government Center-South, 402 West Washington Street, Conference Center Room 6, Indianapolis, Indiana the State Boxing Commission will hold a public hearing on proposed amendments to establish a time for the promoter to provide the commission an acceptable form of security for a match or exhibition, to address the seats provided by the promoter for the commission and for the judges, to require an applicant for a promoter's license to execute and file with the commission a bond, to establish the general requirements for female boxers, to revise the requirements for the discontinuation of a fight following an accidental butt, to change no decision matches to exhibitions, to revise the classifications in the weight schedule and the limitation on weight differences, to allow the commission to determine the weigh-in time for contestants in main events and exhibitions, to revise the weight of gloves worn by each contestant for match or exhibition, and to repeal 808 IAC 2-8-7 regarding the termination of contests. Copies of these rules are now on file at the Professional Licensing Agency, Indiana Government Center-South, 302 West Washington Street, Room E034 and Legislative Services Agency, One North Capitol, Suite 325, Indianapolis, Indiana and are open for public inspection.

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